



## — Montana Office of Public Instruction

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State Superintendent

### **Supt. McCulloch 2007 School Funding Budget Proposal**

This week I submitted my official funding request for Montana's K-12 schools. The proposal requests the 2007 Legislature to provide an additional \$156 million for K-12 schools for the FY09 Biennium. This would involve an increase of \$132 million in ongoing funds and \$14 million in one-time only funds. The Superintendent's school funding bill will be introduced by Representative Gary Branae of Billings.

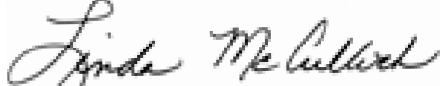
I am proposing funding increases in the following programs for distribution to schools:

Full-Time Kindergarten ANB	\$ 25.2 Million
Full-Time Kindergarten Startup Costs	\$ 10.0 Million (One-Time Only Funds)
K-12 BASE Aid Inflation Adjustment	\$ 40.2 Million
Quality Educator Payment (\$4000/educator)	\$ 50.9 Million
Federal Retirement Cost Correction	\$ 6.4 Million
Special Education Inflation/Maintain Effort	\$ 5.8 Million
School Facilities Reimbursement	\$ 4.4 Million
School Energy Cost Relief	\$ 4.0 Million (One-Time Only Funds)
Indian Education For All ANB	\$ 1.4 Million
Block Grants/Tuition Adjustments	\$ 3.2 Million
Eliminate 3 Mile Bus Limit	\$ 2.6 Million
Pupil Transportation	\$ .8 Million
American Indian & At Risk Student Component	
Inflation Adjustment	\$ .7 Million
Adult Basic & Literacy Education	\$ .5 Million

I have funding proposals for the operation of the Office of Public Instruction in three key areas. We are proposing to hire six curriculum specialists to provide assistance to schools at a cost of \$1.9 million. Continuation of the new student data system will cost \$3.4 million. The third proposal would redirect \$1 million from the Indian Education Ready to Go Grant Program to provide Indian Education For All professional development for teachers and to provide assistance to improve American Indian student achievement and graduation rates.

I will be providing you with specific legislative bill numbers for each of these proposals when they are available. If you have suggestions or questions please feel free to contact me or OPI Legislative Coordinator Joe Lamson at [jlamson@mt.gov](mailto:jlamson@mt.gov) or 444-3160.

Happy Holidays!

  
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Superintendent